

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph on page 1, between lines 2 and 3:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

-- This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a) to Japanese Patent Application No. P2002-169554 filed in Japan on June 11, 2002, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference. --

Please replace the heading at page 1, line 24, with the following rewritten version:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION ~~DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION~~

Please replace the heading at page 5, line 12, with the following rewritten version:

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS ~~BEST~~
~~MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION~~**

Please replace the heading at page 11, line 1, with the following rewritten version:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: CLAIMS: